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Information on a Soviet Aircraft Plant Complex

1. This is a requirement for information about Kuybyshev Airframe Plants No. 1 and No. 18 (adjacent) and Kuybyshev Engine Plant No. 24.

2. The plant complex is located at Bezmyanka, 53°13'N, 50 20'E; approximately 5 nautical miles east northeast of Kuybyshev.

3. Airframe Plants No. 1 and No. 18 use a common airfield and observation from the northeast of the plants, across a corner of the airfield, should provide information on the number and types of aircraft parked on the ramps outside of the final assembly buildings. Specific items to be noticed are:

- a. Number and type of aircraft.
- b. Number of engines per aircraft.
- c. Wing and tail configurations.
- d. Number and position of landing gear wheels.
- e. Approximate length of fuselage and span of wing.
- f. A description of other significant or unusual features.
- g. If observation over a period of time is feasible, note the daily number of planes taking off and landing.

4. At Engine Plant No. 24 an attempt should be made to distinguish the types of engine testing noises heard. Observe the flow of material from Plant No. 24 to the airframe plants, and if such exists, attempt to determine the volume of such traffic.

5. At all plants (1, 18 and 24) determine the approximate dimensions, including height, of all large buildings. Differentiate between old, new or incomplete structures. If an approach to the complex area is possible at night, observe sights and sounds which indicate plant operation such as lights, hammering or plant vehicle operation.

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6. The list of requirements presented here are estimated to be about as much as could be realized from a semi-qualified observer. It is expected that the source would have the opportunity to move about with relative freedom, but would not have access to sensitive areas. The plants chosen for this requirement represent a complex which is of high priority. They were chosen for the following reasons:

- a. The plant areas are relatively accessible.
- b. The plants are close enough together to enable an observer to cover all three at one time.
- c. This is the largest single complex of aircraft plants in the USSR.
- d. The plants are believed to be concerned with the production of long range bomber aircraft.

7. This requirement has been discussed with members of SR/PRR/RQS.

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